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TOSEC 183

FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO ANKARA NICOSIA FROM  
ATHENS 13 FEB 75:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L ATHENS 1230

DEPT PLEASE REPEAT TO THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GR, TU, CY

SUBJECT: TURKISH CYPRIOT ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY

1. FORMIN BITSIOS HAS JUST TELEPHONED ME TO  
INQUIRE WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY OFFICIAL PUBLIC REACTION  
BY THE SECRETARY AND THE USG TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT EARLY THIS  
AFTERNOON IN NICOSIA CONCERNING A TURKISH CYPRIOT FEDERATED  
STATE ON CYPRUS. I TOLD BITSIOS THAT I HAD NOT SEEN ANY  
OFFICIAL REACTION AS YET ALTHOUGH, OF COURSE, SOMETHING  
COULD HAVE BEEN SAID WITHOUT MY HAVING HEARD OF IT AS YET.  
I TOLD BITSIOS THAT THE STATE DEPT SPOKESMAN NORMALLY  
MET WITH THE PRESS EVERY DAY ABOUT 12:30 PM WHICH WAS  
ABOUT TWO HOURS FROM NOW AND THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT  
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A PUBLIC STATEMENT MIGHT BE MADE AT THAT TIME.

2. BITSIOS DREW TO MY ATTENTION WIRE SERVICE REPORTS OF THE STATEMENT BY THE FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN IN LONDON WHO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT STILL REGARDS THE GOVT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AS THE ONLY LEGAL GOVERNMENT AND DENKTASH AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AND LEADER OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. I TOLD BITSIOS THAT I HAD ALSO SEEN NEWS REPORTS OF THIS STATEMENT.

3. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, BITSIOS SAID THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD MADE NO OFFICIAL PUBLIC STATEMENT AS YET. HE SAID HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS EARLY THIS EVENING TO REVIEW THE MATTER, FOLLOWING WHICH HE EXPECTED TO MAKE SOME KIND OF OFFICIAL GOG ANNOUNCEMENT. PRIOR TO HIS MEETING WITH CARAMANLIS, HE IS SEEKING TO LEARN THE REACTIONS OF AS MANY OTHER GOVERNMENTS AS POSSIBLE.

4. I HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO REMAIN IN TOUCH WITH BITSIOS THROUGHOUT THE EVENING AND WILL BE PREPARED TO PASS ON TO HIM IMMEDIATELY ANY STATEMENT OR MESSAGE THAT WASHINGTON OR THE SECRETARY DESIRES.

5. COMMENT: THERE IS NO QUESTION BUT THAT THE GREEK GOVT WILL SET GREAT STORE BY OUR PUBLIC REACTION TO TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT BY DENKTASH AND THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS. THEY WILL READ IT AS AN EXPRESSION NOT ONLY OF THE KIND OF EVENTUAL SETTLEMENT WE WANT TO SEE ON CYPRUS BUT ALSO THE KIND OF RELATIONSHIP WE WANT TO HAVE WITH THE CARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT AND GREECE. KUBISCH UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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